

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
5/24/15 – 6/6/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Elton Luce contacted four anglers fishing a trophy catch and release only lake. One of the subjects was fishing without a valid fishing license. The subjects stated that they did not catch anything and have had no luck. During the course of the contact a stringer with 15 walleye attached was discovered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson conducted surveillance on a group of four anglers fishing a secluded trout stream. When checked one of the anglers was in possession of a short brook trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman contacted two subjects that were fishing a trophy artificial lure only lake. The subjects had no personal flotation devices (PFDs) in the boat, were fishing without fishing licenses and had two containers of worms in their possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen made contact with an ORV operating against the flow of traffic. The operator of the ORV did not have a valid ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Elton Luce and Mark Leadman assisted with the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) boater safety class over the weekend in Big Bay. They reported an excellent turn out and a very smooth running class.

CO Brian Bacon observed a group of ORVs operating in an area of state land that is posted closed to operation. CO Bacon contacted the group and enforcement action was taken for disobeying the signs posted against operation.

CO Brian Bacon observed a boat with two occupants fishing on a Dickinson County lake. Contact was made with the anglers when they returned to the access site. Only one of the anglers admitted to fishing, but CO Bacon explained he had been observing the anglers for a while and that both were fishing. A check of the two anglers found no PFDs in the boat, expired registration on the boat and only one subject had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter met with the staff of Bewabic State Park at their employee orientation meeting. CO Painter explained game and fish violations that may be observed in the state park, and explained the working relationship between DNR Divisions and how the park staff can reach a CO when needed.

COs Brett DeLonge and Marvin Gerlach observed two subjects operating ORVs against the flow on a public roadway. The subjects were not wearing helmets and neither ORV

had current decals. One subject also had his driving privileges suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

While on ORV patrol, CO Marvin Gerlach contacted an elderly subject operating an ORV who stated he was lost and had been looking for his vehicle and trailer for a couple of hours. The subject was not familiar with the area and did not have a map or GPS with him. After the subject gave a general description of where he had started from and a description of his vehicle, CO Gerlach led the grateful subject back to his vehicle which was located only about a half of a mile away.

CO Grant Emery travelled to Belle Isle to assist local officers with weekend patrols for the Grand Prix race.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy stopped two ORV operators for operating on the public roadway. A check of one of the subjects found that he had been ticketed for the same infraction a few weeks earlier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted an ORV patrol on a local ORV trail system in Menominee County. As CO DeLonge wrapped his patrol up he observed two ORVs leaving the trail head parking lot, both with two riders each. Upon contact with the ORVs it was determined that one ORV was occupied by a father and his six year old son and the second ORV was occupied by the father's other two sons, ages seven and 13. Both ORVs had no ORV registrations or trail permits attached. When CO DeLonge explained the violations and the dangerous situation the children were in the father mentioned that they were going on a quick ride and that the ORVs would be safe on the busy trail because the machines were smaller in size. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a busy marine patrol on the Menominee River making numerous contacts. Compliance was very high during the marine and fish checks throughout the patrol. CO DeLonge received multiple comments thanking him for providing a law enforcement presence on some of the remote access points of the Menominee River.

CO Marvin Gerlach conducted an ORV patrol on state land along the Menominee River in Menominee County to address recent land damage. Numerous contacts were made with 100% compliance.

DISTRICT 2

CO Kevin Postma was working anglers on Munuscong Bay. While slowly approaching a group of 20 boats, CO Postma used his binoculars to observe any possible violations before his presence was known. CO Postma observed one angler trolling with three planer boards. The angler grabbed a fourth rod and cast it behind his vessel in the "prop wash". Upon contact, the angler was asked how many lines he had out. He advised that he actually had four, however, had just put one out the back. He went on to explain that he was just trying a lure out for a minute. He then proceeded to reel in

the line which now had an undersized pike on it. The angler again argued that he was just trying out the lure. CO Postma asked the angler if he would have kept the fish if it was a legal walleye, and the angler replied that he would have. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich was working an ORV patrol on Drummond Island when he observed an ORV exiting a closed section of trail. CO Panich caught up with the operator and asked if he knew he was on a closed trail. To the officer's surprise, the man said yes, and explained he was just approached by a girl walking down the trail. She explained that her boyfriend's jeep was stuck in the mud. The ORV operator went for help after seeing that he couldn't pull the jeep out with his ORV. CO Panich then followed the ORV to where the jeep was stuck. Upon arriving on scene, CO Panich observed a jeep with only the cab sticking out of the mud. Approximately an hour later and with two other jeeps with winches pulling, the operator of the stuck jeep was finally free. While speaking with CO Panich, the operator of the jeep stated, "I realize why this section of trail is closed now". Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Busken observed an ATV operating in west Mackinac County. A traffic stop was conducted since the CO was unable to verify that the ATV had a 2015 ORV registration attached. Contact with the operator revealed that he had only purchased the ORV Trail Permit. When asked if he had his driver's license on him the operator replied he did not. He then stated that he did not have a current driver's license. Further investigation revealed that the operator's driving privileges were suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Busken has been busy lately meeting with local schools. CO Busken gave a presentation to over twenty sixth grade students. Topics covered included what a conservation officer does, how to prepare for a career in law enforcement and a tour of the officer's patrol truck. CO Busken also spoke at a hunter's safety class. Students and parents had questions pertaining to game laws, ORV regulations and motor vehicle laws.

CO Jon Busken was dispatched to a domestic complaint in progress to assist a Mackinac County Sheriff's Deputy. Three individuals had injuries on scene. Despite conflicting accounts of what occurred, the officers' investigation pointed to one suspect being the guilty party. The subject was lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

COs Mike Hammill and Bobby Watson patrolled a local walleye lake this past weekend and noticed the fishing was picking up. Upon contacting one angler, CO Watson observed one walleye that was perhaps a bit undersized. The angler measured the walleye in front of CO Watson hitting the 15" mark on the head. CO Watson explained the proper way to measure a walleye and gave the angler a quick demonstration. The walleye's true measurement was 14.5", a verbal warning and a handshake ended the contact with the angler.

CO Michael Evink was on his way back from a patrol in northern Schoolcraft County when he heard radio traffic about shots being fired in the city of Manistique. Officer Evink responded to the area to assist the City and Michigan State Police (MSP) with the investigation. A suspect was identified and it was believed he may have fled using an ORV and local trails. Officer Evink and a MSP trooper jumped in the CO's patrol truck and ran the trails heading out of town looking for the suspect or evidence.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon responded to the scene of a woman with a gun. Upon arrival it was found that the woman had committed suicide. CO Fitzgibbon cared for the woman's four small children until a family member arrived to take the kids.

Acting Sgt. John Wenzel attended the Delta Force Citizen Academy as a panel member to respond to questions about law enforcement in Delta County.

Acting Sgt. John Wenzel represented Law Enforcement Division at a meeting of the Off-road Advisory Workgroup held in Delta County. Questions were asked about sound enforcement for ORVs and the legalities of carrying a firearm on an ORV.

CO Mike Hammill, along with several other COs, gave instruction on ORV operation and laws this past weekend at the RAM center. A good number of individuals participated and completed the training allowing them to teach youth and adults in their communities on how to be safe, responsible ORV operators.

DISTRICT 3

CO Steve Speigl investigated a complaint where a dog running at large killed a fawn in the witness's yard. Warrants are being sought.

CO Andrea Erratt responded to a complaint of ORVs on the North Country hiking trail. Upon making contact, CO Erratt realized she had ticketed the same subjects for the same violation in 2008. This time they received additional enforcement attention.

COs have been completing numerous livery and charter boat inspections.

CO Steve Speigl investigated an ORV trespass complaint where the ORV operator was caught on a trail camera. With no identification of the suspect, CO Speigl canvassed the neighborhood, and finally found a relative who identified the suspect. Contact was made with the suspect and enforcement action taken.

After months of investigation and follow up, CO Steve Speigl made a case on an antler point restriction violation from deer season. After being presented with various types of evidence, the suspect confessed. Enforcement action was taken and the antlers seized.

CO Duane Budreau is investigating a gill net complaint in Lake Michigan.

CO Andrea Erratt assisted at a sixth grade camp-out and gave presentations on natural resource protection and CO job duties, answering numerous questions from the kids.

CO Andrea Albert responded to a complaint of an overlimit of bass. Upon contacting an angler with 10 bass in his possession, she found out he was a tribal member and within his legal limit.

Arriving at a burning complaint, CO Andrea Albert found a subject burning stumps with the assistance of several tires. A ticket was issued for illegal disposal of solid waste.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to a recreational trespass complaint where a mushroom hunter drove onto a large parcel of private property following her GPS-Tom-Tom unit, ignoring the fence and two gates. After getting stuck and causing significant damage attempting to get out, the caretaker found her after she called for a tow truck. A recreational trespass ticket was issued.

CO Paul Fox checked the Rogers City harbor for fishing activity and observed two subjects fishing off the break wall. When CO Fox contacted one of the anglers, the second angler quickly walked back to his truck. CO Fox then contacted the second angler, who had failed to purchase a fishing license.

CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Joe Molnar were patrolling Grand Lake when they located an unattended fishing pole at a dock. As they pulled up to it they noticed a spider web on it; the officer reeled it in and located a mud puppy on the line. The landowner was contacted and he stated he routinely left the line unattended and had forgotten the line was out and it had been there for several days. He was issued a ticket for leaving a line unattended.

Conservation Officer Nick Torsky responded to a roadkill elk in Otsego County.

DISTRICT 4

CO Mike Wells was on patrol at a Newaygo County Lake when he observed a ski boat towing a tube without a spotter. Surveillance was set on the watercraft as it made several passes around the lake. CO Wells observed the vessel and tuber pulling into a residence on the lake and he proceeded over and made contact as the watercraft operator and tuber exited the water. The operator was asked why he had no spotter aboard and he advised that he was using a rearview mirror. CO Wells explained to the subject that he must have a spotter aboard the vessel to observe the person being towed. Enforcement action taken.

CO Mike Wells was on foot patrol and set surveillance on several subjects fishing along a Newaygo County river. He observed three subjects with a child fishing from a public fishing dock and watched each adult fish and several fish were observed caught. He made contact with one subject who advised she had caught a trout and that it was on a stringer. CO Wells asked if she had measured the fish and she advised she did not but

was going to. CO Wells asked her if she knew what the legal size limit for trout is and she advised that she did not. A check of the fish revealed an eight inch brown trout. The CO instructed the subject on the legal size limit of 10 inches. Further checks revealed that one of the other subjects in the group was fishing without a license. Enforcement action taken.

CO Troy Vangelderren responded to a litter complaint of a large quantity of household waste being dumped. CO Vangelderren was able to locate names in the trash pile. Follow up interviews led to three young men who ultimately confessed to dumping the trash. The three high school aged young men were paid to take the trash to a landfill. The subjects decided to keep the money they had been paid in advance and use the money for a local prom instead. CO Vangelderren met the subjects at the large dump site and supervised the cleanup including following them to a licensed landfill. Enforcement action was taken as well.

DISTRICT 5

CO Phillip Hudson responded to a complaint of ORVs operating on closed state land. CO Hudson arrived on scene and located the suspects illegally operating ORVs. During the investigation that followed the CO found the suspects were illegally camping and cutting standing timber. The suspects also had nine outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a complaint of a woman with medical conditions lost in an unknown location believed to be on state land. Due to the CO's in-depth knowledge of his work area he was able to locate the lost woman and get her to medical personnel without incident.

COs Bobbi Lively and Josh Russell were patrolling Long Lake when they observed a subject fishing from a private dock. When the subject noticed the officers, he put his fishing pole down and headed toward his house. The COs stopped the man and attempted to check his fishing license. At first, he claimed to have the license inside his residence. However, after he was unable to locate it, the officers determined that he had not purchased one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader was patrolling two-tracks on state land for illegal ORV activity when he met a car in the opposing lane. The car pulled over to allow CO Bader to pass and he observed two open beer bottles inside the cup holders of the vehicle. CO Bader stopped the vehicle and addressed the open intoxicants. At that time, it was also determined that the driver of the vehicle was operating on a suspended license. She was arrested and lodged in the Ogemaw County Jail.

CO Brian Olsen, while on patrol, observed an ORV doing "donuts" in the middle of a county road. He contacted the operator who had not noticed him watching. When CO Olsen questioned the operator about the illegal activity in the roadway, he stated, "I

don't know who did that." CO Olsen informed the man that he had just watched his careless operation from a distance. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jonathan Warner and Josh Russell were on ORV patrol when they responded to a wildfire on federal land. The fire only burned about two acres, but the cause was quite interesting. It was determined that the two individuals who were shooting tannerite (exploding targets) had sparked the fire and were unable to put it out. Luckily they called 911 quickly and fire personnel were able to contain it.

COs Josh Russell, Warren MacNeill, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft were at the Au Sable River mouth in Oscoda when they observed a subject keeping illegally taken fish. While checking the vessel, COs found a short smallmouth bass swimming in the live well. As the angler reached for the fish, CO MacNeill informed him not to throw it overboard. Sgt. Kieft was able to identify the fish and clearly note that it was undersized just before the man threw it overboard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell and Sgt. Brandon Kieft worked the Hunter Education Laser Shot Trailer for kids at the Kirtland Warbler Festival in Roscommon. The officers talked with over 100 kids about firearm and hunting safety during the event.

CO John Huspen contacted a subject who was doing "doughnuts" in the middle of a blind intersection of two county roads. The subject stated that he was just blowing off some steam from a bad day. Officer Huspen, assisted by a sheriff's deputy, also found marijuana and alcohol in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Houghton Lake for marine violations, COs John Huspen and Chuck McPherson contact a couple who had been fishing without licenses. When the couple noticed the officers they set their rods down and pulled up anchor in an attempt to avoid them. The officers stopped them and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen gave a presentation at a "Safety Day" at the Roscommon Elementary School, and talked about marine safety concerns. Over 100 students were in attendance.

CO Chuck McPherson was patrolling and observed subject tearing down a building and throwing the materials into a fire. CO McPherson made contact and enforcement action was taken.

COs Chuck McPherson and Quincy Gowenlock were able to locate the owner of a trailer that had been left on state land since last fall. Enforcement action was taken and subject will remove the trailer.

CO Chuck McPherson gave a presentation to over 20 future ORV instructors at the DNR ORV instructor school.

DISTRICT 6

CO Quincy Gowenlock and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly made numerous contacts during a marine patrol on the Shiawassee River on Memorial Day. The majority abided by the marine laws but a number of individuals thought that if they went way up into the flats in the shallow waters, they would not be contacted by any COs. One boat, occupied by two anglers, was checked and the anglers were found to not have fishing licenses. While checking the subjects through LEIN, one appeared to be very nervous. When the COs questioned him he advised that police just make him nervous. The COs then were advised that there was a warrant for his arrest. The subject then asked the COs how they were able to get into this area with their boat. The COs replied, "With a tunnel drive jet boat". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock was contacted by CO Chuck McPherson regarding an abandoned trailer on state land in Roscommon. The information on the camp card led to a subject who resided in Saginaw County and a request was made to make contact with the suspect and issue a ticket for the violation. The subject was contacted and a ticket was issued. The subject was given 48 hours to remove the trailer.

CO Joel Lundberg received a call about a hunter who shot a turkey and the caller wanted to know if the turkey season was still open. The CO advised that it was open and was the last day of the last season. The CO decided to check the hunter anyway and found out that the license he had was for the first season. The hunter advised that he thought his license was valid for the last season. The CO advised that sometimes mistakes are made. The CO then asked about his second mistake, not punching out the tag. A ticket was issued.

COs Will Brickel and Dan Lee were on patrol in the Gratiot/Saginaw State Game Area (SGA) when they observed sets of ORV tracks going into the closed area. Upon further patrol, two of the four machines were found and enforcement action was taken. Later in the patrol the third and fourth machines were also located.

DISTRICT 7

CO Andy Bauer spoke to 13 students at New Buffalo High School who are forming a school sponsored fishing club. CO Bauer spoke about marine safety and fishing regulations to the group.

CO Steve Mooney and Sgt. Zach Doss teamed up for a weekday evening patrol on Lake Michigan and checked anglers trolling for salmon. The officers contacted two subjects trolling with six rods, but only one subject had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer patrolled the St. Joseph River and contacted the operator of an assembled boat that was unregistered. A ticket was issued for operating an unregistered watercraft.

DISTRICT 8

CO Rich Nickols conducted a marine patrol on Lake Ovid with PCO Hugh McMath. The COs observed two subjects fishing from a canoe. Contact was made and it was found that one of the subjects did not have a fishing license and there were no PFDs aboard. A ticket was issued.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath observed a subject reeling in a fish from shore on the Looking Glass River. When contact was made the subject had set the pole down and said he wasn't fishing and only handled the rod because he was closest to it when the fish hit. A LEIN check of the subject showed he had two misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested and turned over to a sheriff's deputy for transport.

CO Cary Foster assisted CO Rich Nickols in interviewing a subject who lives on the west side of the state. The subject had been training dogs and asked a landowner for permission to retrieve a lost dog. During the interview, the subject admitted to training dogs during the closed season. A ticket was issued.

CO Matt Page assisted the MSP on a hit and run accident. Dispatch advised that a moped hit an Amish horse and buggy. The operator of the moped then pushed his moped across the road behind a trailer before going inside. Witnesses advised that the subject appeared to be very intoxicated and was bleeding heavily from his face. The officer and CO Page made contact at the residence and located the subject. He was treated for his injuries at a local hospital and eventually arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident.

DISTRICT 9

Patrolling the Pointe Mouillee SGA, CO Dan Walzak came across a pickup truck parked at an angle across a two lane road. The vehicle was very muddy as it had driven off the road into a water-filled ditch and was pulled out. The driver of the vehicle was nowhere to be found and the abandoned vehicle had the driver's side windows and rear window broken out of it. CO Walzak was joined by a deputy from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department who advised that no report of a stolen vehicle had been filed with them. The vehicle was towed from the area.

CO Dan Walzak attended a youth hunter's event sponsored by Ducks Unlimited at the Drayton Plains Nature Center in Waterford. CO Walzak answered a number of great questions from young hunters and adults about all types of hunting.

CO Mike Drexler was working a marine patrol on the Detroit River for the Memorial Day holiday when he observed a cigarette boat violating a no-wake law. A stop was conducted and during a safety inspection CO Drexler learned the vessel only had two wearable life jackets for six occupants and no Type IV PFD. The vessel also was not displaying registration numbers. A ticket was issued for a safety violation and verbal warnings were given for several other violations.

CO Mike Drexler conducted a vessel stop for a no-wake violation on the Detroit River during a Memorial Day marine patrol. During contact with the operator CO Drexler observed a young juvenile on board. The CO learned the child was six years old and not wearing a PFD. As CO Drexler inquired where the child's life jacket was, the operator could not produce a child PFD that fit her. A ticket was issued for failing to provide a child PFD and the vessel operator was instructed to immediately return to the boat launch.

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers at the Belleville Dam when he contacted two anglers as they were leaving for the day. When CO Drexler contacted the anglers to check how the fishing was, one of the anglers became visibly unhappy about running into a CO that day. The CO asked about the fish they had in a bucket and learned the anglers were in possession of several fish, including an undersized smallmouth bass, and neither angler possessed a fishing license. A ticket was issued with a few verbal warnings.

CO David Schaumburger worked a white bass patrol in a spot where many overlimits have been taken in the past. CO Schaumburger sat and watched the anglers for a while and observed a few anglers taking five gallon buckets back and forth to their vehicles. CO Schaumburger suspected they were dumping fish in a cooler in the vehicle and waited for the vehicles to leave before approaching them. During three particular stops over two nights, CO Schaumburger found three anglers to be a total of 141 fish over the limit. CO Schaumburger seized the fish and issued tickets, he will also be seeking restitution at \$5 per fish.

CO David Schaumburger contacted two anglers who claimed it was their first time ever fishing and had no idea they needed a fishing license. Unbeknownst to the anglers, CO Schaumburger checked the RSS system for their history of purchasing fishing licenses and each of the anglers had purchased a few in the past. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas assisted the MSP in a search for a subject who fled the scene of an accident. The subject was located in a swamp in the area. CO Cardenas along with MSP troopers pursued the subject on foot. CO Cardenas was able to head off the subject in the swamp and ordered the subject into the primary handcuffing position. The subject was placed under arrest by CO Cardenas and was turned over to the MSP.

CO Richard Cardenas attended a court hearing for a case that Sgt. Brandon Kieft and he investigated back in December of 2014. The defendant in the case was accused of illegally harvesting three antlered deer, two of which fell under the trophy buck regulations. The defendant took an overlimit of antlered deer during the 2014 deer season and harvested the deer with a centerfire rifle, in the limited firearm zone, without using a straight walled cartridge. The defendant was charged \$14,000 in restitution, his firearm was condemned, and he lost his hunting privileges for the remainder of the 2015 deer season and three years after. He received a plea deal and pled no contest to two

out of the four counts, with the understanding that he had to pay his court fines, costs, and restitution fees in full. The total of which came to just under \$19,000.

CO Jason J. Smith and PCO Mark Zitnik were patrolling Belle Isle when PCO Zitnik observed a lady cut her fishing lines and quickly gather her gear and walk back to her vehicle after she noticed the officers. PCO Zitnik made contact and learned that the angler was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith and PCO Mark Zitnik were patrolling Belle Isle when PCO Zitnik observed an angler walking to a vehicle carrying fish on a stringer. When contact was made the angler quickly asked if there was a size limit on bass. PCO Zitnik advised that the bass was not only out of season but was undersized as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith and PCO Mark Zitnik were patrolling Belle Isle when they checked a couple anglers catching white bass. During the contact a LEIN check was conducted and it was learned that the angler owed over \$14,000 in child support and that there was a warrant for his arrest. The COs were told to advise and release the subject due to overcrowding at the jail.

While checking anglers along the River Raisin in Lenawee County, CO Justin Ulberg came across an angler who provided a 2014 fishing license. CO Ulberg advised that the license had expired and the subject was unable to produce a 2015 fishing license. The subject advised that he has been fishing for many years and it must have slipped his mind to buy a new license. CO Ulberg checked the subject's license history and noted that since 2001 the subject had only purchased a fishing license a few times. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler and Justin Ulberg were checking anglers along the Detroit River at Milliken Park in Detroit. As CO Ulberg approached one of the anglers he observed the subject quickly hide something behind a fence. When contact was made with the subject, CO Ulberg questioned him about what he had hidden. The subject retrieved a small amount of marijuana that he had stashed near the fence. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson attended the inner-city church group presentation in Flint again this year and talked with the children about the career of a Michigan Conservation Officer. This is an annual event and draws quite a crowd.

CO Daniel Prince talked to 420 kids and parents at the annual Livingston County Kids Day Fair held at the Livingston County Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. The event is free to all kids to promote hunting, fishing, shooting and outdoor sports.

BELLE ISLE

While working Belle Isle for the Grand Prix, several COs responded to reports of gunshots fired near the MacArthur Bridge Area. Quickly responding with assistance from several MSP Troopers, the officers were able to secure the scene, provide medical assistance to the victim, locate and interview several critical witnesses, and locate numerous pieces of evidence. The suspect was later arrested by Detroit Police Department Officers.

CO Jason J. Smith and PCO Mark Zitnik were patrolling Belle Isle when they were flagged down by a citizen. They were advised that a trash can was on fire. The COs checked the area and learned that someone had dumped their hot coals in a trash can. The COs, with assistance of Signal 88 security put the fire out the best they could. The DNR Parks & Recreation Division was notified and they brought out equipment to take care of the matter.

Lt. Arthur Green, Sgt. Todd Szyska, and two MSP troopers responded to the Grand Prix Start Finish Line to a complaint of a subject threatening another coworker with a handgun. The workers were in the process of taking down the grandstands after the Grand Prix. The officers responded and spoke with the two parties involved. The subjects both stated that they did not have any problems with one another. Lt. Green was able to get the main suspect in the argument to agree that he did not get along with the other gentleman and that they had exchanged words. The suspect did not admit to having a gun or threatening to use one on the other party. The suspect gave consent to search his bag and no weapon was found. Both parties were told to behave themselves, and both agreed that they would get along.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint of an adult and four kids who decided to take the life boat at the beach on Belle Isle for a ride. The complainant advised that the boat got caught in the current and the adult had a hard time getting the boat back to the beach. Sgt. Kimmerly made contact with the suspect, issued a ticket for the illegal use and collected \$150 bond for an outstanding loitering warrant.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly made a traffic stop on Belle Isle where the driver failed to stop at a stop sign. When the Sgt. made contact, he could smell marijuana and observed an open bottle of beer between the subject's legs. The driver then handed the beer to the Sgt. and said, "Sorry". The Sgt. then asked about the marijuana. The driver advised he had just smoked a joint and had no more marijuana with him. The Sgt. then found out that he had a warrant out of MSP for driving while under the influence of drugs (marijuana). Just before the warrant information came over the radio, the subject crumbled up a potato chip bag and through it out the window. The subject was issued a ticket for the stop sign violation, transporting open intoxicants and lodged in the Detroit Detention Center for the warrant.

CO Rich Nickols worked a second shift on Belle Isle and while on patrol found an unoccupied car parked in a lane of travel near a stop sign. The car was positioned in a

way to not allow two way traffic and several trucks were lined up behind the car to get into the race track area. CO Nickols had the vehicle towed as it was a traffic hazard. Shortly after the wrecker left, CO Nickols was flagged down by a young woman asking where her car was. The CO informed her where it was towed and asked if she had parked it at the previous location. The woman said she had parked there and left to go enjoy the island. When asked why she left it near a stop sign in a lane of travel she said she had no excuse.